

La Casa de Los Cerritos  
4600 American Avenue,  
(North) Long Beach, California.

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Erected in 1844 by Don Juan Temple, (one of the wealthiest men in California) for his country home. "It is by far the most magnificent extant adobe standing in the Los Angeles vicinity, and is the only one having a completely enclosed patio."\*

The house is built in a U-shape, with a two-story central portion from which two long one-story wings extend, enclosing on three sides an enormous patio, with a high adobe wall pierced by a carriage gateway on the fourth side.

The patio walks and the paving of the "corredors" are of red brick from New England and the woodwork of the house is of hand-finished redwood from the north. The original flat roofs were of "brea", or asphalt, but were replaced with shakes in 1866 by the new owner, Jotham Bixby.

Restored in 1930 by Llewlyn Bixby, a decendant of Jotham Bixby, and is maintained as a residence by him.

\* "In Pursuit of Vanished Days", Marion Parks, 1929 Annual Publication, Historical Society of Southern California.

Approved

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